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Title : METHOD AND NUCLEIC ACID VECTORS FOR RAPID
EXPRESSION AND SCREENING OF cDNA CLONES

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102

Sir:

This is a Petition to Make Special pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 708.02, subsection XII. Inventions Relating to Biotechnology Filed By Applicants Who Are Small Entities. Applicant submits that he has fulfilled all requirements of this section.

Applicant has already established the small entity status for the above captioned patent application. The subject matter of the patent application is a major asset of the small entity. The development of the technology of the subject application will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed. Applicant is in the process of obtaining funding and needs to obtain allowance of the subject application as quickly as possible for purposes of securing investment funding to commercialize the subject invention.

The subject matter of the patent application is very useful in a variety of techniques for genomics, proteomics and related research, including isolation and validation of drug targets, medical genetics research and diagnosis, pathogen detection, forensic, and animal and plant genetics applications, among others.

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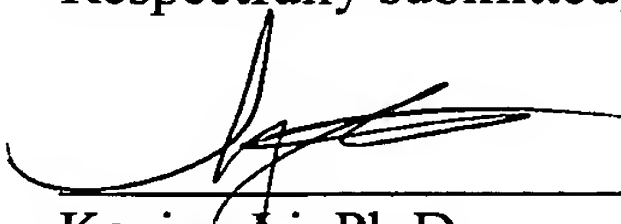
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A check in the amount of \$130 is included as the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(h). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submit that all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 have been fulfilled, and earnestly solicit an early grant of the present Petition. It would be appreciated if the undersigned were telephoned in the event there are any questions related to this Petition or the application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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